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12-337416 (23 Jan 57) 1st Ind (8)  
SUBJECT: von ALBERT, Theodor (U)

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Headquarters, 66th Counter-Intelligence Corps Group, United States Army, Europe, AFN 154, US Army. 18 FEB 1957.

To: Commanding Officer, Region IV, 66th Counter Intelligence Corps Group, AFN 154, US Army  
ATTN: ADDO-OICD

1. (UNCLASSIFIED) Reference is made to message, this Headquarters, P-24760, dated 13 February 1957.

2. (CONFIDENTIAL) The contents of the initial vetting report have been noted and coordinated with the appropriate representative of the Counter Espionage Division, this Headquarters.

3. (SECRET) An examination of the files, Central Registry, revealed no additional information on SUBJECT, and no record on the remaining personalities mentioned in the report except as follows:

a. SUBJECT's dossier, 12-337416, revealed that SUBJECT is believed to be a member of CSC as he had replaced Rijhelm HERTTIG who was dropped by the DIA in December 1952. SUBJECT is also mentioned on an unevaluated information card dated 4 January 1957 as residing in Salzburg, Pickering 25. His occupation listed as editor and freelancer for several periodicals. His name was submitted to this Headquarters by DAB for Central Registry screening.

b. SUBJECT is mentioned in a trace from DAB to this Headquarters dated 30 January 1957 therein it was noted that SUBJECT has had contact with DAB operatives. DAB states that SUBJECT possesses a very dubious background and his connections are widely known in Austria and it is likely that his activities are being watched by the SDU/German Element. Previous history of SUBJECT is such as to practically guarantee that his connection with CSC will become common knowledge in Austria.

c. SUBJECT is mentioned in dossier 13900, wherein he and Ernst Peter KIRHLER, a reported FBI agent, were alleged targets of a KFO CI Group.

d. SUBJECT is mentioned in dossier 290966 as being a collaborator with Arnold HILLER in the PRESSEAGENTUR INTERFILM.

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An Agent Report dated 22 March 1951 revealed that SUBJECT worked for FELLNER. Maria ALBERT nee PESE, born 19 June 1929, is shown on the records of the Police Department, Hallwang, Salzburg, as being the wife of SUBJECT, residing with her husband and FELLNER at Hallwang 67.

SUBJECT is mentioned in D-318032 as being a net operator for Institut fuer Gegenwartsforschung (Institute for Present Day Research) in Salzburg, Austria. During January 1950, he founded the press agency, "Interpress" located in Vienna together with Ernst Peter RINDL and Dr. Herbert ROSENTHAL. It is known that this agency served as a cover for the collection of intelligence information destined for French and Austrian intelligence services. In January 1952, SUBJECT left this press agency allegedly because RINDL, a former Austrian Communist Party propaganda agent in Vienna, had founded Communist cells in England and Canada during World War II, and because Armand FELLNER, who later became a partner in the firm, turned out to be a French intelligence agent. FELLNER used the agency as a cover for his intelligence activities. SUBJECT became active allegedly in the intelligence field in March 1952 when he met Dr. Wilhelm KESTEL and was recruited by KESTEL for work on behalf of the IFO. SUBJECT reportedly ran a network of informants in Austria, submitting reports on the countries of southeastern Europe. In 1954, the DSV reported an allegation that SUBJECT was a double agent of the KGB and the IFO. During 1952, SUBJECT reportedly had contact with the KPO in Vienna, through Leina SLEOMER, an editor of the National-Liga publication.

SUBJECT is mentioned in D-002814 as being associated with Friedrich VÄHL during the summer of 1948 in Austria. Through SUBJECT, VÄHL met Josef URBAN and Helmut FROHILICH. Investigation revealed that while VÄHL was employed by a US intelligence agency (NSA), he was also in contact with German agents and possibly KGB agents. URBAN was arrested on 1 September 1948 in Linz, Austria, as being the leader of the neo-Nazi Austrian Underground movement. URBAN is also mentioned as being a member of a group drafting false information to sell to allied intelligence agencies. Another trace mentions that all contact with URBAN by CIA personnel is to be avoided. Helmut FROHILICH is mentioned as being a member of an organization which fabricates information concerning the KPO and Soviets, and is sold to anyone who wishes to buy it.

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g. Sergei PROHLICH is mentioned in D-282722 as being the leader of the Institut fuer Gegenwartsforschung (Institute for Current Research)(IFG), branch office in Munich.

h. Peter RIEPEL is mentioned in dossier 230966, Subject: INTERPOL ONE, as being a Communist by conviction.

i. ~~Walter RÖTER~~ is mentioned on an unevaluated information card dated 26 July 1956 as being a friend of OELLERICH, fmn. Subject: Meeting of Former Abwehr Officers. On another card dated 15 April 1954, OESTER is listed as a Blank Office employee. He is chief of the IFG, Blank Office. He is a candidate for a Sphere clearance and he is a former Major in the Wehrmacht.

j. ~~Walter RÖTER~~ is mentioned on an information card dated June 1954 as being Head of the local IFG office in Munich; Lenningerstrasse 1105. PROHLICH is one of OESTER's usual contacts in Munich. (S-2 evaluation)

k. ~~Reinhard RÖTER~~ and S. Dag PROHLICH, born 1915 at Riga. PROHLICH was an employment applicant with the American Embassy in Bonn in April 1953. (S-2 evaluation) It is reported that he was employed by an Allied intelligence agency until January 1950, at which time he was dropped from employment (reason not known). (F-6 evaluation)

l. Sergei ORLOFF is mentioned in dossier 75901. According to other sources, he was at one time, a confidential man of Heinrich HÜCKER with the RGA. While in the RGA, he met Baron von KLEIST, who was the Counter Intelligence Officer. ORLOFF maintains friendly relations with von KLEIST to this day. <-->

4. (CONFIDENTIAL) In view of information contained in referenced message, no further action is being taken by this Headquarters to employ SUBJECT. SUBJECT is disapproved for utilization as an informant of your Region.

5. (UNCLASSIFIED) SUBJECT has been downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED per AF 100-560-5000 10 NOV 1956. APPROVED BY AUTHORITY FOR THIS COMMANDER: [Signature] Received [Signature]  
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